

HOME EDITION

TUESDAY EVENING.

TOPEKA, KANSAS. MARCH 30, 1915.

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THIS EDITION 2 CENTS

OFFICIAL COUNT IN CITY PRIMARY NAMES WINNERS

House and Blakely Nominated
by a Big Margin.

Former Leads Blakely by a
Plurality of 961 Votes.

CLOSE FIGHT FOR FINANCE

W. H. Wasson Led Col. Norton
With Only 388 Ballots.

Commissioners for Re-election
All Were Given Nominations.

MANY DID NOT GO TO POLLS

More Than 5,500 Outstanding
Votes to Round Up.

Weakness of Hughes and Lan-
nan Surprising Feature.

FOR MAYOR.

Jay E. House	5,951
C. G. Blakely	4,990
J. W. P. Hughes	958
James J. Lannan	944

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE.

W. H. Wasson	3,437
J. D. Norton	3,249
John T. Chaney	3,043
R. M. McGraw	2,139

COMMISSIONER WATER, LIGHT,
HEAT.

M. E. Newland	7,431
Frank B. Simms	3,047
George E. Burnham	1,599

COMMISSIONER OF STREETS.

W. G. Tandy	4,453
W. S. Hancock	2,304
F. M. Arnold	1,782
George Young	1,730
John C. Dolman	1,453
J. W. McQuinn	563

COMMISSIONER OF PARKS.

W. L. Porter	7,277
Richard Wilson	2,965
William L. Cummings	1,808

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

W. E. Atchison	8,114
L. M. Penwell	7,469
Mrs. C. J. Evans	5,816
James Mullin	4,490
John M. Smith	4,490
J. C. Snediker	2,488

Complete official returns of Topeka's municipal primary election held yesterday are set forth in the foregoing table. Yesterday's battle of ballots was only the first round or elimination contest. The final round comes at the general city election April 6.

The nominees who will oppose each other then are Jay E. House and C. G. Blakely for mayor; W. H. Wasson and J. D. Norton, for commissioner of finance; F. M. Arnold and Frank B. Simms, for commissioner of water and lighting; W. G. Tandy and W. S. Hancock, for commissioner of streets; W. L. Porter and Richard Wilson, for commissioner of parks.

For positions on the board of education six nominations were made and there were only six candidates, so none was eliminated. At the general election three of these six will be elected. Five thousand six hundred and forty-six persons were registered and entitled to vote at the primary failed to cast their ballots. There were 15,650 persons registered and only 15,004 voted. Of those voting 5,186 were women.

In the majority contest the surprising feature was the weakness of J. W. P. Hughes and J. J. Lannan. Hughes polled less than 1,000 votes and Lannan only 944.

The closest contest was in the race for nomination for commissioner of finance. Wasson, Norton and Chaney all being bunched together.

The honor of polling the largest vote went to Frank Newman among the contestants for city office with W. L. Porter a close second. Atchison received more votes than Penwell in the school board race. All those four "high" men are "ins" or holding office at the present time.

Of the "ins" who will have a strong contest in the coming election W. G. Tandy apparently has the hardest fight, for although he had a comfortable lead for the nomination, the aggregate of votes polled by his opponents is large.

A Good Election Board.

The biggest precinct vote in Topeka Monday, that of 621 in the second precinct of the city, was the first to be reported in last night. It was completely counted at 9 o'clock. While other and smaller precincts were still counting at midnight the latest did not finish until nearly 1 a. m., the second of the fifth established a record which future election



W. G. Tandy, Led in Voting for Commissioner of Streets.



J. E. House, Who Received Highest Vote for Mayor.

TEST KANSAS LAW

Suits on Corporation Tax Filed
in Court Today.

Frisco and Memphis Roads May
Go to Federal Bench.

Two suits, which it is understood are intended to be carried from state into federal courts, for the purpose of testing the application of the Kansas corporation tax to railroads engaged in interstate commerce, were filed in the Shawnee county district court this morning by R. R. Vermillion and W. T. Lillerton, attorneys for the receivers of the Frisco road and for the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis railway. Both petitions ask merely for recovery of the amount of corporation tax paid under protest today to J. T. Botkin, secretary of state. The tax amounts to \$2,500 in each case.

The present case is an attack on the Kansas corporation tax law, recently sustained by the state supreme court in the injunction case brought there by the Memphis road, from a new angle. The tax is attacked on constitutional grounds of being double taxation in that the roads already pay a tax on physical valuations; that it is an interference with interstate commerce, and that it is an effort to collect a tax on money employed, at least partially, outside the state of Kansas.

WEEKS TO TOPEKA

Massachusetts Senator a Guest
of Charles Curtis.

Luncheon Here in Honor of
Presidential Possibility.

Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, a presidential possibility in 1916, will spend a couple of days in Topeka this week, a guest at the home of Charles Curtis, United States senator from Kansas. The Massachusetts senator will come to Topeka Thursday night and will spend Friday at the Curtis home. At noon Friday he will be tendered a luncheon at the Commercial club.

A fifty cent luncheon will be served in the dining room of the Commercial club should be made immediately.

In recent months United States Senator Weeks has come into considerable prominence as a presidential possibility and it is believed that his name may be considered by the Republicans in their 1916 convention. He is a friend of Charles Curtis, with whom he has served in Washington.

Mrs. Weeks is accompanying the senator on his western trip. After their visit at the Curtis home they will go to California to attend the exposition.

BIG FRENCH LOAN

J. P. Morgan Will Establish
Fifty Million Dollar Credit.

Belligerent Nations Borrowing
From United States.

New York, March 30.—Banks here today that negotiations virtually have been completed between J. P. Morgan and company and representatives of the French government for the establishment in this country of a \$50,000,000 credit for the benefit of France. Formal announcement of the conclusion of this arrangement was looked for shortly.

It was understood the financing would take the form of French treasury bonds issued for one year bearing five per cent interest. Plans have been made to form a syndicate of bankers headed by J. P. Morgan and company to underwrite the credit, and it was expected that a public offering of the French securities would be made. The funds derived from the sale of the bonds, it was stated, would remain in this country and be devoted to the purchase of American goods needed by the French.

This issue of bonds would bring the total credits obtained by France to this country since the beginning of the war, up to about \$75,000,000. Negotiations for the establishment of a British credit in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000 were reported to be progressing but not likely to be concluded for several days. It was announced that about 70 per cent of the \$100,000,000 German note issue had been withdrawn by the underwriting syndicate as a commercial investment.

Kills His Grandmother.

Philadelphia, March 30.—Mrs. Matilda Cohen, 85 years old, member of a prominent family of this city, was shot and killed today by Henry B. Cohen, her grandson, who then turned the revolver on himself, inflicting a wound from which he died later in a hospital. The tragedy took place in Mrs. Cohen's home and she was killed while in bed. Cohen is believed by the police to have been insane.

FREE ADMISSION AT STATE FAIR

That Is, If Shawnee County
Votes to Pay the Premiums.

Special Election Will Be Called
on Proposition.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW LAW

Would Mean but 25 Cents per
\$1,000 of Valuation.

The Petitions for Special Election
Out This Week.

There will be a free gate at the State Fair, Topeka, next September, provided the citizens of Shawnee county vote to provide funds for the payment of the premiums exclusive of those connected with the horse racing department. This decision was made at a meeting of the board of directors of the Kansas State Fair association and others interested in the fair at the Commercial club quarters at noon today.

The legislature passed a bill providing that counties with a population of 50,000 or more may vote to add agricultural lands in the payment of premiums by a tax of one-fourth of one mill. This tax would bring in \$21,626 in Shawnee county which would mean 25 cents on each \$1,000 of taxable property. It ought to appeal to the average man who takes his family to the fair and has to pay out many times that amount of cash.

In a single day the bill was called to pass on the proposition. J. S. Dean will prepare petitions and they will be circulated this week. It was proposed by T. F. Doran that the work be done in a single day and to this end preparations will be made immediately.

A committee of ten of which W. W. Webb and O. F. Whitney will be members will make the arrangements for handling the petitions. Loyal supporters of the fair will be asked to assist by providing their autos for the work, and it is the plan to have a large number of workers. The law requires one thousand signatures on a petition for a special election for the purpose in question.

Enthusiasm Over Plan.

Those in attendance at the meeting were enthusiastic over the plan for admitting the general public free of charge to the fair which is nothing more nor less than a great educational institution, and it is confidently expected that the greatest fair in the history of Topeka will be held.

It is not probable that \$21,000 will be required for the payment of premiums ever what money is not required will be turned back to the county. There will be \$5,000 coming from the state for the payment of premiums provided that the fair fails to pay out in accordance to the fair bill passed by the legislature.

"I think it is the greatest move the fair has ever made," said W. W. Webb, in speaking of the free admission plan. "The free gate proposition will certainly win if the people in the county want the fair."

Frank P. MacLennan stated that the newspapers would be glad to give space to a cause of this kind which is of general benefit to the community.

A Great Opportunity.

"I think we have a great opportunity," he said. "It seems to me that we can pull off a great fair here."

Samuel E. Lux, president of the association, presided at the meeting. It was Mr. Lux who suggested the plan that the board is determined to push with vigor.

Question of Secretary.

The question of a secretary for the fair was left in the hands of resident Lux and the members of the executive committee. Mr. Lux has been acting as secretary, handling the correspondence for the association.

A vote of thanks was given J. S. Dean, A. W. Smith, Charles Mitchell, O. F. Whitney, Samuel E. Lux, T. A. Borman, L. M. Penwell and others who worked in the interest of the fair while the legislature was in session.

Big Time on Kansas Avenue.

Charles Mitchell proposed that one night of fair week be an off night as far as attractions on the grounds are concerned and that the center of attraction be removed to Kansas avenue, where the stores would be open and the theaters running. He suggested having band music on the avenue and a festive occasion generally. This would give the visitors an opportunity to shop if they cared to do so.

The committee that will arrange for the circulation of petitions for a special election will meet at the Commercial club quarters Wednesday noon.



W. E. Atchison, Accorded Best Vote for Board of Education.

\$7,000 A NIGHT

Caruso Gets Contract Making
Him Highest Paid Singer.

He Will Spend Ten Nights in
Buenos Aires.

New York, March 30.—Guilo Gatti Casazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera company, today received a cable from Enrico Caruso in Monte Carlo stating that the famous tenor has been engaged for ten appearances late in May at the Buenos Aires opera house, Argentina, at a salary of 35,000 francs (\$7,000) a night.

This is said to be the largest individual salary paid any artist of his profession and makes Caruso the highest paid singer in the world. He receives \$2,500 an appearance at the Metropolitan.

According to the cablegram, Caruso will sail for Buenos Aires from Genoa, Italy, on April 21.

FUNSTON ON DECK

He Has Arrived at Brownsville
to Take Charge

Of the Situation Growing Out
of Mexican Hostilities.

Brownsville, Texas, March 30.—General Frederick Funston arrived here today from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to watch the border situation during the Villa attack on Matamoros. Three batteries of field artillery from San Antonio are due tonight. There had been no renewal of hostilities between the Villa and Carranza faction late today and nothing to indicate when they would be resumed. The United States artillery is being brought here to guard against firing across the border, two persons having been killed here during fighting last Saturday.

Villa soldiers who fell wounded in Saturday's attack on Matamoros are being cared for here. General Funston, who today H. C. Harrison, an American Red Cross official, sought permission from the Matamoros commander to bring in the wounded. Gen. E. P. Nafarrate, replied he had men out gathering the wounded and placing them in Matamoros hospitals as rapidly as possible.

It was reported the Matamoros garrison has planted dynamite at the approaches to the town and believe it could prevent 10,000 men from passing these mines.

General Funston, commanding the department of the south, will take command of the situation at Brownsville and has been given discretionary powers to act in the event "firing into Brownsville from Mexico continues."

Washington, March 30.—The Mexican situation grew increasingly alarming today. Added to news that Carranza seemed certain to recapture Mexico City within 48 hours, information arrived that railroad communication with the capital was interrupted again.

Without taking sides, official Washington was most anxious over reports of the Carranzistas' growing strength. Carranza's situation has been counted on to clarify the situation by crushing the "first chief." In the past few days, however, the latter has severely repulsed his rival.

ONLY NINE MISSING.

Another of the Aguilas' Boats Reaches
Safety With 17 Aboard.

London, March 30.—The missing boat from the British steamer Aguilas, sunk by a German submarine off the Penobscot coast, containing 15 members of the steamer's crew and two passengers, has reached safety. This is the fourth boat that put off for the Aguilas after the submarine attack. It was believed to have foundered. The number of men now supposed to have lost their lives with the sinking of the Aguilas is nine.

F-4 MOVED 300 FEET

Vessels With Cables Are Dragging the
Submarine Toward Shore.

Washington, March 30.—Submarine F-4, sunk at the entrance to Honolulu, has been moved 300 feet toward shore by vessels with cables at 2 o'clock this morning, according to a message received today by Secretary Daniels from the command of the first submarine division. The message gave no details.

Barry-Kettler Bowlers Win.

Peoria, Ill., March 30.—The Barry-Kettler team of Chicago captured the championship in the five-men event at the fifteenth annual tournament of the American bowling congress Monday night.

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HE DIED BY OWN HAND SAYS JURY

Coroner's Jury Gave Verdict of
Suicide in Storrier Case.

Telephone Lineman Shot Self
at Home of Woman.

MRS. HAND TELLS HER STORY

Denies Any Intimacy With
Storrier—Only Friendship.

"I Wanted to Die—Call the Po-
lice," His Last Words.

That David N. Storrier came to his death from a pistol wound inflicted by himself with intent to commit suicide in the home of Mrs. Margaret Hand at 121 Jackson street Monday noon, was the verdict of the coroner's jury empaneled for the inquest which took place today in the court of Topeka. No question of the fact of suicide was raised by any of the evidence introduced at the inquest over which Coroner J. H. Rinehart presided, with Robert Garver, assistant county attorney, examining the witnesses.

Mrs. Hand related in a circumstantial way the events preceding and following the death of Storrier, whom she describes as having been a confidential friend of the coroner's jury empaneled for the inquest which took place today in the court of Topeka. No question of the fact of suicide was raised by any of the evidence introduced at the inquest over which Coroner J. H. Rinehart presided, with Robert Garver, assistant county attorney, examining the witnesses.

Asked for the Letters.

"He came to my house, where I have been living only since March 24, about half past eleven o'clock in the morning I should think it was said Mrs. Hand. "I was surprised to see him because he had told me Sunday that he was leaving town to go to Valley Falls. He explained that he had gone there Sunday afternoon but had been transferred back to Topeka."

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ESCAPE CUT OFF

Five Desperadoes Who Robbed
the Banks at Stroud

Are Surrounded in the Osage
Hills, 14 Miles Away.

Chandler, Okla., March 30.—The five desperadoes who escaped after robbing two banks at Stroud last Saturday, are surrounded in the Osage hills about 14 miles from that place, according to word received here today from Sheriff Wilder. While he anticipated a battle shortly, the sheriff asserted it is impossible for the men to escape.

The sheriff called for volunteers to assist in the capture, asserting that he wanted only men who are willing to risk their lives. He said he would be close in on the desperadoes as soon as his posse is ready for battle.

THEY VOTE TO STRIKE

Employees of Western Union at St.
Louis Have a Grievance.

St. Louis, March 30.—One hundred and twenty-five telegraphers, present and former employees of the local branch of the Western Union Telegraph company, unanimously voted to strike at a closed meeting held here last night, according to Sylvester J. Koenigsmann, international president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union. While the vote was being taken, W. C. Long, secretary of the local union, received a telegram from Secretary of Labor Wilson saying that William Blackman, commissioner of conciliation of the United States department of labor, was en route to St. Louis to act as mediator. The request for mediation was made to Secretary Wilson by the union.

The strike vote was taken on the demand of about 40 operators recently discharged by the Western Union company. The operators say they were discharged because their membership in the union had become known. Officers of the telegraph company deny that union men are being discriminated against.

Weather Forecast for Kansas.

Snow and slightly colder tonight; partly cloudy and slightly warmer Wednesday; brisk winds.

HE TOOK A TRENCH.

Russian Captain Receives Special Men-
tion for Bravery.

Petrograd, March 30.—The bravery of Captain Suvoroff who singled-handed captured a German trench in the Orzez river fighting in Poland, received special mention in an official bulletin today.

Suvoroff leaped into an enemy trench, wrested a machine gun from two German soldiers and slaughtered the occupants of the trench. He then trained the machine gun on a force of advancing Germans until they broke and fled. The Russians then came up and occupied the trench.

LIGHT WICHITA VOTE.

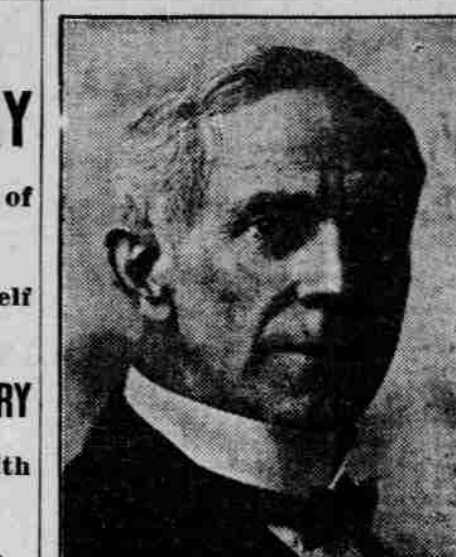
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Candidates for city commissioners also were nominated. A rainy and cold day resulted in a light vote of 10,000.

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HORROR AND FEAR

They Strive for Ascendancy in
the British Mind.

Sinking of the Falaba and
Aguila Brings a Shock.

London, March 30.—England's horror over the torpedoing of the steamers Falaba and Aguilas, with a loss of life now estimated at 144, gave way today to grave concern for the safety of other big passenger carrying liners about to enter the German "war zone."

Representatives of big shipping companies besieged the admiralty offices early today. They were assured that extraordinary precautions have been taken to protect trans-Atlantic liners from New York from submarine attacks during their passage through the Irish sea.

All night crowds thronged about the office of the Elder line here inquiring for relatives aboard the liner Falaba. Early today the officials of the Elder line admitted they had practically abandoned hope for 119 passengers and crew of the Falaba still missing. Trawlers raked the waters off the south coast of Wales today and reported sighting a number of dead bodies.

Reports from Fishguard regarding the exact loss of life aboard the Aguilas were still contradictory, but the admiralty still reported 23 of the Aguilas' crew and three passengers missing. The London press today expressed the horror of the nation over the sinking of the Falaba and Aguilas with heavy loss of life to non-combatants.

THIS IS THE WAY!

Petitions Out to Pave West
Seventeenth Street Road.

Shawnee Must Awaken to Value
of Real Highways.

Petitions calling for the construction of a mile and a half of 18-foot combination asphalt paving from the city limits to Mount Hope cemetery on the West Seventeenth street road, are being prepared for circulation in the neighborhood west of Washburn college which will be principally benefited by the road. The proposal is supported strongly by real estate interests owning property there and by the cemetery company. The cost of the proposed improvement is estimated to be about \$20,000 a mile.

If the plan now discussed is carried out the cost of the improvement will be distributed over a period of ten years by the issuance of improvement bonds, and apportioned between the county and the property owners in a benefit district half a mile wide and about two miles long.

The city will be expected to pave the space intervening between the end of the Seventeenth street city paving and the northwest corner of the Washburn college. The city will pay 25 per cent of the proposed road and the benefit district the remaining 75 per cent. Petitions for the improvement must represent 50 per cent of the property and 60 per cent of the property owners living in the proposed benefit district.

Shawnee county has spent several thousand dollars on the road running west from Washburn college in recent years, the heavy travel over it necessitated because of the heavy expenditures for maintenance.

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